

Anderson, IN – U.S. Congressman Mike Pence joined the Indiana Congressional delegation in urging President Obama to honor Governor Daniels' request for a Major Disaster Area Declaration for 37 Indiana counties, including Decatur, Dearborn and Franklin Counties in the Sixth District.

"Hoosiers in the Sixth District and across the state are hurting as a result of the recent storms and flooding," said Pence. "In order to help them recover and begin the process of rebuilding, I urge President Obama to accept and grant Governor Daniels' request."

Background:

The Governor urged the President to grant individual assistance to Hoosiers in the following counties: Decatur, Dubois, Gibson, Greene, Harrison, Lawrence, Monroe, Pike, Posey, Vanderburgh and Vigo. According to Indiana's Department of Homeland Security, "individual assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster."

Under the Governor's request, the following counties would receive public assistance: Benton, Clark, Clay, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Dubois, Floyd, Franklin, Gibson, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Ohio, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Putnam, Ripley, Scott, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Switzerland, Vanderburgh, Warrick and Washington. According to Indiana's Department of Homeland Security, if public assistance is granted, "state and local governments and certain non-profit organizations in the designated counties would be eligible to apply for federal assistance to pay 75 percent of the approved cost of debris removal, emergency services related to the disaster and repairing or replacing damaged public facilities, such as roads, buildings and utilities."